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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/803,766	Applicant(s) MICAK ET AL.	
	Examiner Harry B. Tanner	Art Unit 3744	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the first and second evaporators, the display case, the service cabinet, the compartment for medical and scientific applications, the remote monitoring means and the plurality of buttons as recited in claims 3-4, 9-10, 19 and 22 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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Claims 13-14 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. These are confusing and it is not clear what system or method in the specification discloses the limitations recited in these claims.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 11 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Olsen. Olsen discloses a method and system for maintaining a temperature in a refrigerated compartment in which the system cools the compartment and in response to a push button stops the cooling for a given period of time and then starts cooling again after the given period of time (see col. 2, lines 36-53 and col. 9, line 26 to col. 12, line 34).

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-8, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olsen as applied to claim 1 above. The specific time period in which the cooling remains stopped after the button is pressed is considered to have been an

obvious matter of engineering design based upon the specific requirements of the particular installation as is the provision of more than one button to start the sleep mode.

Claims 3-4 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olsen as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Shim et al. Shim teaches the use of a plurality of evaporators 6a, 6b operated independently in order to provide cooling to a plurality of compartments. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the system of Olsen such that it included the use of a plurality of evaporators operated independently in order to provide cooling to a plurality of compartments in view of the teachings of Shim.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olsen as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of official notice. Official notice is taken that the use of refrigerated compartments for cooling the display cases, the service cabinets, and for medical and scientific applications are well known in the art. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the system of Olsen such that it provided cooling for same.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olsen as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Torimitsu. Torimitsu teaches the use of remote monitoring of a refrigerator (see Figure 3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the system

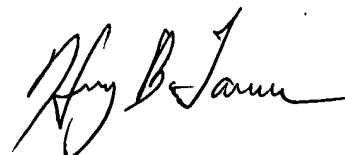
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of Olsen such that it included the use of remote monitoring of the refrigerator in view of the teachings of Torimitsu.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry B. Tanner whose telephone number is (571) 272-4813. The examiner can normally be reached 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler, can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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